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"With Malice Toward None; With Charity for All"

THE

ORDER OF LINCOLN

(Incorporated Nov. 26, 1895.)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Its Objects.

1st. To acquire, if possible, the ownership or control of the places and articles which are of special interest from their relation to the life of Abraham Lincoln.

2nd. To authenticate and verify the words and incidents in his life.

3rd. To erect and care for monuments and tablets to his memory.

4th. To teach in its ritual and upon its public occasions the lessons of patriotism which his life taught.

5th. To honor his memory and draw inspiration, as Americans, from his service as a statesman, patriot and man.

6th. To bind together in a great fraternal Order the men of our country, who see in his life and death a great example to imitate; principles of truth to follow and who are in sympathy with its objects.

Why it Should be Done.

Because, The time is ripe to do it. Separate individuals and organizations have attempted to carry out some of these objects in an independent way with varying degrees of success. Historians have verified in part the words and incidents in his life, but have laid down their task. But it would be possible with a great fraternal Order, with lodges in every city and town in the country and a great membership, to accomplish what no one man could. Unless this soon be done, the monuments will crumble (as they are doing); the places will pass into stranger hands (as some of them have); the witnesses to his words and acts will die (as most of them have); the historic articles will be scattered.

Because, In the oft repeated ritualistic work of an Order like the Order of Lincoln the great living lessons of manliness, patriotism, devotion to country, of truth and "charity for all" so wonderfully exemplified in the life of our martyr President, can be best and most enduringly taught.

Because, Through the monthly bulletin of the Supreme Historian the members of the Order can learn of the results of the latest research and know his life better than from books.

Because, It is fitting that all should unite to honor his memory.

Because, An organization like this can furnish the funds necessary to accomplish its objects, and every member would feel that he had a part in it. The work would then be national instead of local.

Who May Become Members.

All white male persons eighteen years of age or over, of good moral character, socially acceptable according to the laws of the Order, who desire to honor Lincoln's name and life and are in full sympathy with the objects and purposes of the Order may become members.

How to Secure a Charter.

Apply to Witter F. Baxter, Supreme Secretary of State, Indianapolis, Ind., for a charter. A deputy Supreme Organizer will attend to the matter of organization.

What it Costs.

Each membership fee is $8.00

This covers all expense of initiation.

A semi-annual per capita tax. ..... .50

Is paid into the general fund.

A semi-annual historical tax..... .25

Is devoted to the historical purposes.

The proceeds of the membership fee and per capita tax, after paying the expense of the Order, will also be used for historical purposes.

Each subordinate lodge fixes its own dues.

WHO ITS SUPREME OFFICERS ARE.

Supreme Ex-President.....COL. PHIL DICKINSON
Fort Wayne, Ind.
Of D. H. Baldwin & Co.

Supreme President....GEN. JAMES R. CARNAHAN
Indianapolis, Ind
Maj. Gen. U. R. Knights of Pythias.

Supreme Vice Pres....JUDGE ROB'T W. MCBRIDE
Indianapolis, Ind.
Ex-Supreme Judge Indiana.

Supreme Sec'y of State.....WITTER F. BAXTER
Indianapolis, Ind.

Supreme Sec'y of the Treasury....FRANK BOWERS
Indianapolis, Ind.
Grand K. of R. and S. K. of P.

Supreme Surgeon General .....DR. E. L SIVER
Fort Wayne, Ind.
Past Grand Chancellor K, of P.

Supreme Attorney General, HON. CALEB S. DENNY
Indianapolis, Ind.
Ex-Mayor.

Supreme Auditor General, HON. JOHN B. COCKRUM
Indianapolis, Ind.
Attorney General, Lake Erie & Western R. R. System.

Supreme Chaplain and Historian ....
.... HON. JESSE W. WEIK
Greencastle, Ind.
Author, with Wm. H. Herndon, of "Life of Abraham Lincoln."

Supreme Messenger .. ..GEN. JAMES R. ROSS
Brig. Gen. Ind. Brigade, U. R. K. of P.

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